

NSC BRIEFING

29 February 1956

BACKGROUND: G-2 BREAKDOWN OF ARMY STRENGTH IN ALGERIA

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| A. Algerian and other North African Natives | - - | 45,000 |
| B. Other Natives (mostly West Africans) | - - | 5,000 |
| C. White (Frenchmen of Metropolitan or Algerian origin, plus Foreign Legion)* | - - | 113,000 |
| Total | | ----- 163,000 |

- Note: 1. These are rough estimates only: no accurate and confirmed figures are available.
2. No ethnic breakdown is available for Gendarmerie, other security and policy forces in Algeria.

Army review(s) completed.

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*At least 10,000 of the white troops are probably French of Algerian origin, and up to 15,000 may be Foreign Legion.